

# UPDATE



## Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan May 2010

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### RGMP

The Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) is a major planning effort designed to assess the challenges and opportunities facing communities impacted by the Fort Benning BRAC growth and to find solutions that address these issues. The RGMP study produced a plan for the region and for each of the 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below.

For more information, go to the [RGMP website](#).

### RGMP Counties

#### ALABAMA

Barbour

Lee

Russell

#### GEORGIA

Columbus -Muscogee

## Relocation and Information Fair A Big Hit With Fort Knox Personnel

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 29th, the Leaders Club at Fort Knox was already packed with anxious military personnel ONE HOUR before the Fair was to begin at 10:00 a.m. This enthusiasm was contagious and by the end of the day, 1,600 military, civilians and spouses had attended the day's event.



Over 300 exhibitors representing over 140 businesses, organizations and agencies from the 10-county area of Georgia and Alabama communities filled the Candlelight and Regimental Rooms and the Tankers Lounge. There were 83 booths packed with information about housing, public and private schools, colleges and universities, churches, workforce development, healthcare facilities and area Chambers of Commerce.

All exhibitors were thrilled with the day's turnout, even though some ran out of their materials and brochures.

The consensus of those exiting the fair was that there were plenty of knowledgeable representatives to talk with and ask questions and they found the information extremely helpful. Each family relocating is faced with many decisions to be made and the information they received minimized their stress level and relieved a lot of anxiety they had been experiencing in the moving process. As they left the Leaders Club, they commented that they felt much better now about their move.



**Special Recognition To The Companies who Donated their Products and Services in Support of the Relocation and Information Fair**

Cusseta - Chattahoochee  
Harris  
Marion  
Stewart  
Talbot  
Taylor

## MCOE Community Update



Each month, Fort Benning hosts a Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCOE) Update that provides BRAC information to on-post personnel and to the region's communities. These Updates are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm, at the [National Infantry Museum](#).

### [MCOE Community Update](#)



The Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and The Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority would like to thank the following who helped to make this event a success by donating their products or services:

- [The Columbus Gourmet, Inc.](#)
- [Lance, Inc.](#)
- [Livingston Storage and Transfer, Inc.](#)

## ➔ Need A Job? Attend the AUSA Job Fair

The Association of the United States Army, Chattahoochee Valley, Fort Benning Chapter is holding a Job Fair.

DATE: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

PLACE: Freedom Hall, Building 2411

FOR: Soldiers (Active Duty & Retired), DA Civilians, and their family members and the General Public

WHO WILL BE THERE: [Click for Employer List](#)

NOTE: Bring 20 copies of your resume for possible on-site interviews. A driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required to enter the post. Passengers must also present a photo ID. Vehicles are subject to be searched.

For Active Duty and Retired Military Resume Assistance Contact: Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Assistance Office, Bldg. 2634. (706) 545-2308. Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program Soldiers Plaza, Bldg. 2629. (706) 545-2836.

## ➔ Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley

Check out these articles about the many good things happening in the Chattahoochee Valley:

- [New Jobs Are Headed To Columbus](#)
- [Army Colonel Offers Timeline for BRAC](#)
- [Benning Information Fair A Big Hit With Knox Personnel](#)
- [Fort Knox Families Begin Search For Homes and Schools](#)
- [Fort Knox Town Hall Video Series](#)
- [Slideshow: Business Information Fair at Fort Knox](#)
- [Local Companies Are Ready To Roll Out To Fort Knox](#)
- [American Airlines to Begin Two Daily Flights Between Columbus and Dallas](#)
- [Explosives Detection Machine In Use At Columbus Airport](#)
- [Chattahoochee River Whitewater Project Ready To Launch](#)
- [Columbus Makes List of Top 100 Places To Live](#)





## → Is Your Business On The Military Discount List?

If your business offers any type of military discount, please share that with me by email to: [lbrady@columbusgachamber.com](mailto:lbrady@columbusgachamber.com). As part of the Concierge service provided by the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Partnership, every Wednesday we welcome the new military families that have just arrived at Fort Benning. Both the military soldier and spouse are very excited and appreciative to receive this list and it doesn't cost a dime to place your business name on the list!! So send in your information today and begin building new relationships with our newcomers to the Chattahoochee Valley.

This is a valuable way of introducing your business to those transitioning here who are in need of your products and services. It also sends a message to all those relocating to the Chattahoochee Valley that we are happy they're here and we want to welcome them in a special way.

## → Employment Opportunity: Regional Planning Specialist

Excellent opportunity for an individual with experience in urban and regional planning to join the Fort Benning Regional Growth Management team to help counties in the Chattahoochee Valley (AL/GA) continue to prepare for the population surge caused by economic development growth generated by the results of BRAC. [Click for more info](#)

## Ft. Benning [Population Estimates & Growth Timeline](#)

### BRAC Countdown



As of May 17, 2010, there are **485 days** until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

## QUICK LINKS

[RGMP Website](#)  
[Valley Partnership](#)  
[Fort Benning](#)  
[Small Business Contracting Information](#)  
[MCOE Employment](#)

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